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FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT NOVEMBER 22, 2004, MEETING

On November 22, 2004, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the October 25, 2004, meeting are attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item V, the Chief Executive Officer reported that since the October 4, 2004, advertisement for bids on the Temple Avenue Train Diversion project contract, several requests were received from contractors to extend the bidding. Therefore, the bid opening has been delayed to early December 2004. The ACE Construction Authority anticipates awarding a contract in January 2005. The Valley Boulevard Bridge and railroad bridge that are part of the Nogales Street Grade Separation project (Alhambra Subdivision) were completed on November 6 and November 7, 2004, respectively, and the Valley Boulevard detour and railroad shoofly track have been removed. The Nogales Street Grade Separation project is scheduled for completion in summer 2005.

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with Bechtel/Korve joint venture to increase the value of the contract's incremental scope of services Task Order No. 4 by \$889,966 to a new value of \$6,029,901. The revised total contract value is \$37,251,820. The major items requiring the increase in Task Order No. 4 are land acquisition and related services for the Brea Canyon Road and Sunset Avenue grade separations as well as changes to the ACE Program Management including additional archaeological monitoring, environmental reporting, and updates of traffic data at ACE grade crossing locations.

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Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved the plans, specifications, and estimates for the Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation project and authorized ACE staff to solicit construction contract bids. The estimated value of the contract is \$22 to \$26 million. ACE staff anticipates that the project will be advertised by June 2005. Construction is anticipated to be completed by October 2007.

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on December 20, 2004, at the Irwindale City Hall at 2 p.m.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, November 22, 2004 2 P.M. Irwindale City Hall - Council Chambers 5050 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion.

All items set forth on this agenda may be subject to action.

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| I. | Roll Call and Introductions | |
| II. | Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of October 25, 2004 meeting (Pages 1-3) | Action |
| III. | Public Comment | |
| IV. | Chairman's Remarks | Information |
| V. | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-9) | Information |
| VI. | Approval of Amendment to Program Management FY 2005 Scope of Services (Pages 10-11) | Action |
| VII. | Approval of Plans, Specifications and Estimates for Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation (Pages 12-13) | Action |
| VIII. | Fiscal Year 2004 Financial Audit (Material to be distributed separately) | Information |
| IX. | Adjournment | Action |

The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdictions: the City of El Monte, the City of Industry, the City of Montebello, the City of San Gabriel, the City of Pomona, the County of Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority
Regular Board Meeting
October 25, 2004
Minutes**

Vice Chairman Ernest Gutierrez called the meeting to order at the Irwindale Council Chambers on October 25, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

1. In attendance were:

Ernest Gutierrez, El Monte
David Gutierrez, San Gabriel
Michael Antonovich, LA County
Ed Cortez, Pomona
Jack Phillips, Industry
Ed Vasquez, Montebello
Paul Eaton, SANBAG

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel
Sharon Neely, staff
Deanna Stanley, staff
Cynthia Ambrose, staff
Girish Roy, staff
Bruce Armistead, staff
Lou Cluster, staff

Guests

Russ Bryden, LA County Public Works
David Varnam, Congressman Gary Miller
Henry Lopez, Foothill Transit
Manuel Saucedo, Senator Nell Soto

2. Approval of Regular Meeting minutes of September 27, 2004.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2004.
M/S/C: Vasquez/Cortez/Unanimous

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Chairman's Remarks

Vice Chairman Gutierrez invited the Board and members of the public to the Ramona Blvd Grade Separation groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, November 5th at 10:30AM in the City of El Monte. Vice Chairman Gutierrez referred the

Board to a special newspaper insert very complimentary to the ACE Project and to Board member Jack Phillips.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Rick Richmond referred the Board to page 5 of the agenda indicating the Temple Ave Train Diversion project was out to bid and that a pre-bid meeting and site tour was recently completed. He indicated a second tour would be done in early November and that bids were due November 16 with an expected recommendation to the Board at the December meeting. Mr. Richmond provided the Board with a copy of Supervisor Molina's motion passed by the Board of Supervisors regarding the recent Union Pacific train derailment requesting a safety study on rail tracks inspection. Mr. Richmond reported that LA Signal, a subcontractor on the East End/Reservoir Grade Separation construction project recently lost their state contractors license and that the prime contractor petitioned for a substitution. Mr. Richmond indicated that it was policy of the Authority in such cases that a hearing be held which was held last week. He indicated that a loss of license was justification for substitution and their request for substitution was granted at the hearing. He also indicated LA Signal was a DBE and the substituted subcontract must also meet this requirement. Mr. Richmond introduced Jim Connolly, Program Manager for Bechtel/Korve JV. He indicated Mr. Connolly would be leaving the project to relocate to Arizona. He thanked Mr. Connolly for his many contributions to the project. Mr. Bruce Armistead provided a construction photo progress report of the Nogales and East/End Reservoir projects. Mr. Jim Connolly, Bechtel-Korve Program Manager provided a summary of the program management activities over the last month.

6. Approval of Proposed Use of MTA Funds

Mr. Richmond indicated that the MTA approved an \$85 million advance of their local contribution to the ACE Project and that these funds would enable two currently deferred Phase I projects to move into construction. He reviewed the unfunded projects and the criteria for selecting which projects the MTA funds should be used. He indicated that while three projects (Baldwin Ave, Brea Canyon Rd and Sunset Ave) were very similar in traffic counts, Brea Canyon Rd and Sunset required far less property takes and could both be done with the funds available. He noted that Baldwin Avenue grade separation would remain a part of the Phase I plan but the state funds would have to be released in order to move this project into construction. A motion was made to authorize \$85 million advance of the MTA local contribution be used to progress the Brea Canyon Road and Sunset Avenue grade separations into construction and that the CEO be authorized to execute the necessary agreement(s) with the MTA.
M/S/C: Vasquez/D. Gutierrez/Unanimous

7. Approval of Contract Amendment for Maintenance Services for IRRIS with Automatic Switching and Controls, Inc.

Mr. Richmond reviewed the history of the ASCI contract and noted that this project stage would be turned over to the City of Pomona when testing is completed and the system is accepted. He indicated system maintenance funding under the contract expired in April though ASCI has been maintaining system components while other elements of the project come on line. A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend Contract No. 00-14 with Automatic Switching and Controls, Inc. (ASCI) to increase the contract dollar amount by \$13,200 to a new contract value of \$816,545 and extend the effective completion date of the contract to March 31, 2005.

M/S/C: Cortez/D. Gutierrez/Unanimous

8. Quarterly Environmental Mitigation Report for East End/Reservoir Grade Separation

Mr. Richmond reported that this item was presented for the Board's information and noted that mitigation monitoring reports would be included quarterly for each construction project. He indicated this was the first report for the East End/Reservoir project. The mitigation report indicated compliance with all measures at this stage of construction.

9. Quarterly Report

Mr. Richmond provided a summary presentation of the quarterly report. He reviewed the costs changes from last quarter. He indicated increases were primarily due to the Ramona Blvd grade separation project with construction bids coming in above engineer's estimates due to increased steel and concrete; additional Union Pacific signal work; and right-of-way acquisition costs. A refinement of costs based on recent bid pricing was then updated for the Temple Avenue train diversion constructions costs this quarter. He reported that utility relocation costs for the East End/Reservoir project also contributed slightly to the increase. Mr. Richmond reviewed the schedule during the last quarter and reported that the delays on three projects were due to late design submittals from county agencies. Mr. Richmond highlighted the accomplishments over the last quarter which included: Nogales Street construction which remains on schedule; East End/Reservoir utility relocations, storm drain, sewer and water line installation continuing; Ramona Blvd grade separation construction contract awarded and Temple Avenue train diversion project out to bid.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 PM

M/S/C: Vasquez/Cortez/Unanimous